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“Write Them on Their Hearts”

A child's mind is like a blank slate, an empty chalkboard on which any knowledge may be written. In other words, children are very impressionable. We can inspire them to achieve great things with their lives, or we can suppress their dreams with our negative comments.

As a children's minister, I feel the greatest way to inspire a child is through sharing God's Word with them. The Bible is the greatest instruction manual and textbook for our daily living. In the Old Testament, God gives the law to Moses written down on tablets of stone. Moses has the responsibility to teach these commandments to the children of Israel so they will know what God expects of them. The commandments are written in stone as a permanent monument to remember the teachings of God and to live by them. In Hebrews 8:8-10, God tells His people that He is making a new covenant with them. He is no longer writing His commandments on stone tablets, but He desires to write His Word by His Spirit in our minds and upon the fleshly tablets of our hearts (Prov.7:3; 2 Cor.3:3). God wants His Word to be living, powerful and active in our daily lives (Hebrews 4:12).

With so many negative influences in the world, the challenge for today's church is writing the Word of God on the hearts of children. For example, many children come from broken homes with broken hearts and dreams. Through establishing God's Word in their minds, we give them something meaningful to treasure. Solomon

gives instruction in Proverbs 7:1-2a, “My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you. Keep my commands and live” (NKJV). God's Word brings life. In a world full of trouble, the Word of God gives children something to live for.

Sunday, June 1, 2008, is being recognized



as **Children's Day** in Zion Assembly Church of God. Each local church should design a special service to encourage the work of children's ministry. The theme for this service is “Write Them on Their Hearts.”

[Decorating Tip: Consider purchasing Valentine decorations while they are available.]

Begin praying and planning now for Children's Day. Pray that God will give your church a fresh vision for children's ministry. Also, ask God to raise up individuals who will answer this call to write God's Word on the hearts of children in Zion Assembly.

Chalk Talk:

Let's Talk! If you are involved in children's ministry in Zion Assembly Church of God, I want to hear from you. Also, to subscribe to this newsletter, please send your request for “The Chalkboard” to tcgcd@usit.net.

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